

WEEK'S PROGRESS IN MINES OF MANHATTAN

(From the Manhattan Post.)

Two leases on the Manhattan Consolidated will be making a regular production of high grade ore in a few days.

At the Mushett-Wittenberg lease the electric hoist is in operation and the old shaft, which was filled with muck in raising to the surface, is now being cleaned out and when this is done in a few days, the leasers will have a 125-foot shaft and the raising of ore from this level will commence.

At the Kendall lease, the raise to surface is progressing rapidly. In making this, a body of the quartz was encountered which carries good pay values, but not equal to the high-grade streak.

At the Steffner lease, the new double-compartment shaft is down a few feet and the first set of timbers and the collar are being put in place.

Big Four Looking Good.

Work at the Steen-Poak-Cleale lease on the Big Four was delayed last week by an influx of water on the 400-foot level, necessitating the installation of an additional pump, but now that this is in operation, no trouble is experienced in handling the flow.

Underground developments are most satisfactory, and the Post is able to state authoritatively that the mine never looked in better shape.

The winze from the 285-foot level is being sunk on ore averaging better than the last milling of \$271 a ton.

The crosscut from the 400-foot level is in what is believed to be a new ore body that carries excellent values and appears to be entirely independent of and in addition to the ore body mined on the upper levels.

These are the deepest vertical workings in the camp and the strength and value of the ore at this depth is a source of intense gratification to the leasers, who will resume the sinking of the shaft in the near future.

White Caps Lease.

J. J. McCarthy, the new superintendent of the White Caps lease, who took charge of the property last week, believes that it is going to make a big mine and is making rapid improvements in preparation for a big production of high-grade ore.

Three shifts of miners have been put to work, the shaft is being enlarged to two compartments and substantially timbered, and the big compressor plant will be started in a few days, the big No. 7 Cameron pump, installed, and sinking to the 200-foot level will be continued as rapidly as possible.

Mr. McCarthy was superintendent of the Mohawk-Jumbo and also the Engineers' lease in Goldfield. From the latter he mined ore worth \$1,065,000 in 88 days.

In speaking of the White Caps Mr. McCarthy said: "It looks like making a mine, the ore body is getting bigger and better with

depth, and as soon as the shaft is enlarged should make a big production, and it will not take long to reach that point."

Earl Claim.

The returns from the fiscal cleanup of the crushing from the Swanson lease on the Earl claim of the Manhattan Earl Mining company will not be ascertained until returns from the precipitates are received. Another gold bar was taken from the War Eagle mill and the precipitates were shipped out this week.

At the lease work on the ore body progresses satisfactorily and a good tonnage of payable ore is accumulating on the dump.

Union No. 9.

Last week the War Eagle mill started treating ore from the Union No. 9 claim of the Dexter Mining company, under lease to the Manhattan War Eagle Mining and Milling company, which also owns the milling plant.

The ore is being taken from veins opened up on and above the 235-foot level. About 40 tons of ore are being milled daily, the values running from \$35 to \$40 per ton. The veins from which the ore is now being stoped, promise to furnish a considerable tonnage of ore, and as they are above water level and all pumping charges are avoided, development is being concentrated on this level, with most encouraging results.

Jumping Jack.

To properly define the various interests in the Putman-Kendall lease on the Jumping Jack claim, Briz Putman has incorporated the Manhattan Jumping Jack Leasing and Mining company, which will be held as a private corporation. The company is in a strong financial condition and work at the lease is progressing favorably. The prospecting shaft is still being sunk in good ore and work on this will be continued until the drift from the 80-foot level of the main shaft has entered the ore shoot.

Bath Bros. Lease.

Work at the Bath brothers' lease on the Union No. 2 claim continues on the 250-foot level, where a winze is being sunk on the ore in the west drift. As greater depth is reached, the ore shows improvement, being less spotted in values, the last assay having given returns of \$24.80 a ton.

Vucanovich Lease.

At the Vucanovich lease on the Forman fraction, ore assaying from \$25 to \$35 a ton is now being put on the dump from the 150-foot level, where the ore shoot is about two feet wide.

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